



LOOK OVER PLANS—Jerry Fontaine, second from left, an employee of the K. G. Johnson Engineering Company here, looks over blueprints with members of the board of directors of the Lone Pine Water Supply Corporation as drilling equipment waits in the background to begin sinking a well that will provide an adequate water supply to 83 customers of the corporation. Left to right are Will Wagon, Fontaine, Roger Douglas, vice-chairman of the corporation, O. M. Thompson, chairman, Dr. Bill Stevens, secretary and treasurer, and W. W. Nicholson.

Drilling Underway on Well To Supply Lone Pine Water

Eighty-three families of the Lone Pine community were hoping for an adequate and reliable water supply system by late September as drilling got underway at week's end on a deep well atop Bowden Mountain.

Texas Water Wells, Inc., of Houston moved its equipment in and began drilling on Thursday, signaling one of the last steps in an effort that started last February 13, when a group of interested citizens got together to see if such a community-wide water system would be feasible for their area.

After getting all necessary preliminary steps out of the way, the corporation made its application for a loan to the Farmers Home Administration last April 1.

Granting of the loan, in the approximate amount of \$96,500, has enabled the community corporation to begin drilling its well and prepare for the laying of some 14 miles of pipeline to serve its customers.

Actual laying of the pipeline will not start until the well drilling firm fully determines it has struck a reliable supply of

water. It has guaranteed the community corporation it will continue drilling until it does strike water, a spokesman said.

Plans call for the well now underway to be drilled to the top of the Wilcox sand at 1,650 feet. At that depth it is expected to produce 50 gallons of water per minute.

Engineer Jerry Fontaine, an employee of the K. G. Johnson Engineering Firm of Palestine, said the well should be developed within around 20 days or sooner.

Start of the well makes Lone Pine the third of Anderson County's communities to have either completed or begun drilling a well for a community water system.

Rev. O. M. Thompson, chairman of the Lone Pine Water Supply Corporation, expressed praise for the assistance of Er-

nest Stephenson of the Farmers Home Administration office here and for Anderson County Agricultural Agent W. T. LaRue, who were instrumental in helping the corporation reach this point.

Besides Rev. Thompson, other members of the Lone Pine corporation's board are Willie Wagon, Roger Douglas, Dr. Bill Stevens and W. W. Nicholson.